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ERROR OF THE AGE — UNTHANKFULNESS

Romans 1:21, "Because . . . they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful."

IT HAS BEEN STATED that "history repeats itself." It almost seems that life is an unending cycle of events which continually revolve around the human race, giving man in every age the providential privilege of learning about the goodness of God. Like a giant recording needle cutting the discs of time, each revolution of history widens the grooves of knowledge; and with increased knowledge the responsibility of the peoples in each succeeding age increases. We today understand much more about the dealings of the Spirit of God than did our forefathers. Therefore, more is required of us in this age of modern and efficient facilities than of the ancients with their ponderous methods of travel and slow, laborious, and tedious methods of writing and preparing manuscripts to spread the Word of Life.

In their age, God revealed Himself to them in many ways by various dealings; "because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath shewed it unto them" (Romans 1:19). They saw His glory, breathed His air, warmed in His sunshine, drank His water, and ate His food. They were delivered from their enemies by His power, were healed of their diseases by His Spirit, and finally were even visited from heaven by His Son Jesus. Yet, they made a mistake. They erred in failing to praise Him for His goodness to them and in rejecting revealed light. In so doing they kindled the wrath of a jealous God against themselves. God quickly lifted His hand of power from them and "gave them over to a reprobate mind" (Romans 1:28).

As the history of this God-rejecting generation is so vividly recorded for our admonition and example, we should "give the more earnest heed, lest we let them slip." Paul warns of a spirit of *unthankfulness* which shall grip the souls of men in the last days. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, *unthankful*, unholy" 2 Timothy 3:2).



By Eugene B. Furr
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By taking just a brief glance at the world about us, one is assailed with a sense of guilt; for while we see each of these conditions prevalent in the outside world, we are conscious that the spirit of unthankfulness has crept into our churches. In many places the "amen corner" is gone. The Pentecostal waves of glory seldom sweep through our congregations. The messages in tongues and the interpretations we heard in the past are strangely absent; the singing in tongues and the holy laughter which once rang through our chapels are missing all too often. The hearty "hallelujahs" and gleeful "glories" and anointed "amens" of the yesteryears are almost things of the past in too many of our churches. Modern medical science has supplanted the "effectual fervent prayer of the righteous"; calling the family physician is resorted to much more often than calling for the elders of the church.

What is wrong? Why have medical operations replaced the operations of the Spirit? Let us consider our own individual experiences. We in Pentecost know that we received our deep blessings through continual and fervent praising and blessing of God. In our first love we poured out thanksgivings to heaven and sacrificed the sacrifice of praise to God continually, even the fruit of our lips. In so doing we aroused the love passions of the glorious

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HANKS BE UNTO GOD

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift . . ."

2 Corinthians 9:15

AT THIS TIME OF the year, we begin searching our memories trying to enumerate the many things for which we can be thankful. As we try to acknowledge each of them we find that we are running out of figures, and time itself is growing short. The very limited capacity of my mind cannot retain the proper account of events that are fully responsible for my happiness today.

I am thankful for many things today, but the thing that stands out most in my mind is the matchless, incomparable, all-sufficient gift that God gave for me. In John 3:16, we are told that, "God so loved the world that he gave his . . . Son." The word *world* here is not referring to the worldly amusements and so forth, as so many of us do, but He is referring to the world of humanity. When I think of the sinful, wretched condition I was in when God's Gift came into my life, it makes me want to scan the field of literature seeking words to express my thanks unto Him. In all my searching, however, I am unable to find words that can surpass the real, genuine meaning of my text. So I shall join the great Apostle Paul and testify with him, "*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*"

When I think of the many times I have failed Him, I want to fall on my face before Him and bury my heart in the blood from Calvary's tree, in the hope of finding new strength for the battles that are still in the future. Future trials and battles are not going to get easier; I feel that the farther we go, the harder they will be. Man within himself is so insignificant. We are hopelessly defeated without Christ. A backslider once told me, "My life is so empty without Christ." How true that is. The old hymn sings, "Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all." John went on to say, "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

When I look at the billions of souls in the world, I am reminded of the comparison a man once gave of a humble person. He said, "A humble person is like a church steeple; the more humble he gets, the smaller he becomes

at the top." When we realize that God owes us nothing, but yet He gave the very Jewel of heaven that you and I might escape the punishments of hell, we should be very humble. We should sing praises unto Him. We have nothing to boast of within ourselves. None of us are indispensable. This world could still operate without me, you, or both of us.

JESUS CHRIST DID NOT come into this world to put His talents on display. He did not come to enforce the laws. He had a specific mission to fulfill. Just think, even you and I were included in that mission. The mission included redemption for humanity, healing for the nations, and deliverance of the captives. I once was lost—but now I'm found. I once was afflicted with the horrible disease of sin, but now I am cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. I was held by the fetters and bonds of iniquity, but now I am set free. Again I say, "*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*"

The complete realm of salvation was involved in God's giving His Son. A religion minus Christ equals disaster. A life minus Christ equals death. He is the Master over all sin, sickness, disease, death and sorrow. Had there been no Christ, the disciples would have been lost at sea. Had there been no Christ, we today should be slumping in the valley of depression. We should be groping beneath the load. However, there is a Burden-bearer standing nearby.

The Psalmist, while looking around the city of Jerusalem, said, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people" (Psalm 125:2). Again he said, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7). When I would be swamped with worry, doubt, and fear, I am reminded that Jesus is standing near to assure me of victory. 1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." When I would be afflicted with sickness and disease, I am reminded that Jesus said, "By my stripes ye are healed." Again, let me say, "*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*"

By John E. Black

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GROWTH IN GRACE

By Paul S. Cook

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2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

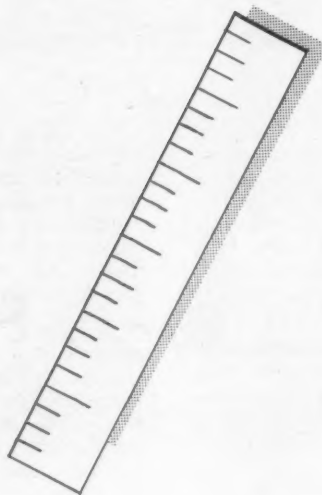
THIS SCRIPTURAL injunction by the Apostle Peter was given because many of the teachers of that day had wrested the Scriptures to their own destruction, and had been led away with the error of the wicked. It implies that growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ will fortify one against error and apostasy. Undoubtedly, this advice given by Peter was very appropriate for the crucial days of the growth of the early Church, but in this modern church age, with its many cults and religious theories, it is even more appropriate.

Growth is a natural process in all nature—in the human body, and even in the spiritual realm. Where there is life, there is growth. If there is little or no growth, it indicates an abnormality, or a serious malfunctioning of the natural processes. In the human body, the germ, or the nutritional deficiency which stunts growth, also weakens the body, lowering the resistance and making the body susceptible to dread diseases which could lead to ultimate death. Similarly, those spiritual defects, those carnal traits, that hinder one from progressing with God, make him more liable to the insidious attacks of Satan, which if permitted to gain ground can destroy the soul.

The Christian is told to grow in grace. What is meant by grace? The grace of God expresses His unmerited favor which He bestows upon the human race. His grace is the sum total of His love, His longsuffering, His kindness, His forbearance, His faith in us, His holiness, and all the other divine attributes from which human beings benefit. Likewise, the grace into which the child of God should grow

is the combination of all those spiritual graces, virtues, or fruits which mark his relationship with his fellow man. An illustration of this is found in the spectrum. As light is made up of all the colors of the spectrum, so is grace composed of all the virtues.

Briefly consider some of the things that growth in grace is not. It is not necessarily a growth in feeling, or in emotion. In a spiritual revival there are some who will be stirred by a superficial and temporary whirlwind, consequently thinking that they have taken a tremendous growth in God. But alas, when the commotion has subsided, the tests and trials come, and reality must be faced, they have no real strength to stand. Before you think that I do not believe in an emotional religion, let me allay your fears. I definitely believe that shouting, rejoicing, and weeping have a very decided place in our religion. However, what every Christian needs is something that still keeps him after the sudden flare has died down—a deep, glowing, inward warmth and power that can always be relied upon to keep



up the steam in the boiler on the long, steep grades. Growth in grace is not particularly growth in activity. Growth in activity without growth in grace is like spreading the same amount of gold or silver plating over a wider area. Activity that is not motivated by grace is superficial, and will not long endure. It is veneer or cheap gilding, but growth in grace will bring an increase in substantial, durable industry that brings greater solidarity to the kingdom of God.

Do not think that you are not growing in grace because you are depressed or because you are undergoing fiery trials. The wintry blasts that cause the leaves of the trees to shrivel and fall off, and the snow that bends and breaks the branches are actually driving the roots down deeper into the soil, around the rocks, into the crevices, and down into the hard clay. When the summer growth comes, the tree is prepared to branch out, and to weather any storm that may try to uproot it.

Some think because they have been elevated to a higher position, that they have grown. They may have grown, but probably only above their neck! A runt on top of a mountain is still a runt. The reason many men fail is because when God exalts them, they think they are bigger than their fellow man. Pride creeps into their hearts, and then they fall. No man is great. If he seems great, it is God in him.

A PERSON grows in grace as he grows in the knowledge of Christ. For instance, the grace of love is made to grow when one discovers the beauties of Christ—His virtues, His perfections, His glories. The more one knows Jesus, the more one loves Him. When first he sees His wounded hands and bleeding side, when he learns of Christ's love, then he becomes aware of what is expected of
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Mountain Moving in Mexico

By Mary W. Atkinson
Missionary to Mexico

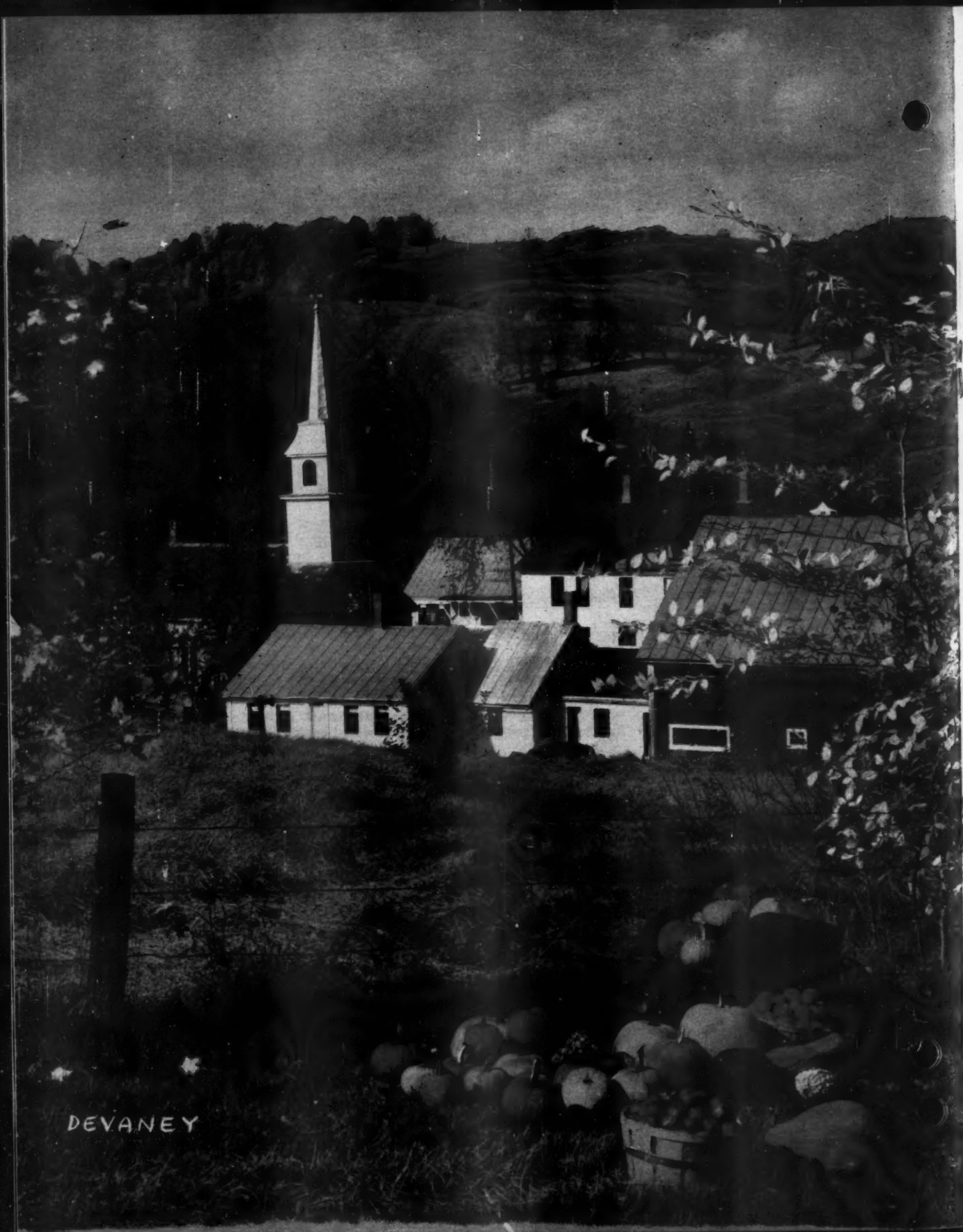
ON MY RETURN from the south of Mexico in April, I found in Nogales a very important matter. Four of the Sunday School classes were being held in the street during the hottest hours of the day. My heart was full of compassion for the poor children. I did not say anything just then but in the night message I brought before the congregation the need for better facilities for the Sunday School classes. Our church

is located on the side of a hill and is very small with just enough room for the adult congregation. The only solution to the problem is to dig a space on the side of the hill large enough to put up a temporary shade to the house, until such time as we can build the church on more level ground or at the base of the hill. We know that as long as we preach the full council of God, our congregation will grow beyond our most fond expectations.

The next day my heart was overwhelmed with joy at the sight of the young people and some of the adults working like beavers with picks, shovels, sledge hammers, and wheelbarrows, preparing a place in which to hold their Sunday School classes; this will, with the help of the Lord, be the location for a larger church building. That particular morning my job was to supervise the work and look out for any dangerous conditions which might develop, such as boulders or other conditions which might cause an accident. All this went on while

the pastor was in the hospital. As soon as the pastor was out of the hospital, he named a committee to collect funds in order to make a bigger church at the base of the hill. The name and address of the secretary-treasurer is Ramon Salazar, Calle Montezuma 25, Nogales Sonora, Mexico. The hill is disappearing very rapidly.

According to Matthew 17:20, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Faith without works is dead and work without faith is also dead. So these precious folk possess both requirements, faith and works. I took this picture of the ones who have been working constantly since this day. Since 1920 I started visiting the church at Nogales and Hersosillo, and I feel both of them so near to my heart. May God lead in the days ahead and crown our efforts with victory and success in seeing the new church built.



DEVANEY

THE TRADITIONAL Thanksgiving season has arrived again according to the calendar of time. The minds of most of us think back to the time of the landing of the Pilgrims on American soil in the year of 1620, of the hardships that followed, and how they set aside a time for thanksgiving to God for sparing their lives and giving them food to live through the hard, cold winters.

In the Scripture text above we have a minister who was not in the little band of Pilgrims that landed at Plymouth Rock; he lived many years before that time. He was none other than the Apostle Paul. Paul's method of preaching was like that of many of our own ministers today, inasmuch as he traveled from city to city, preaching Christ and establishing churches. Christ had given him a number of souls in the city of Thessalonica, and he went on his way rejoicing. We know he remained conscious of the danger of the evil one, who might pull them from their steadfastness, because in verse 2 he stated he had been "making mention of you in our prayers." Later while he was at Corinth busy in the work there, he heard of their good report, that they were living for Christ, and he penned these words, "We give thanks to God always for you all." Paul was not merely speaking words of flattery to make them feel good; these words of thanksgiving were backed with a purpose. He was thankful because of "their work of faith."

1. *"Remembering without ceasing your work of faith"* (verse 3). Faith is itself a work. It is the eye and hand of the soul, by which the sinner sees and lays hold on Christ for salvation. One writer said, "Faith is the foot of the soul; so it comes to Christ. Faith is the hand of the soul; so it receives Christ. Faith is the arm of the soul; so it embraces Christ. Faith is the eye of the soul; so it looks upon Christ. Faith is the mouth of the soul; so it feeds upon Christ. Faith is the lips of the soul; so it kisses Christ." Faith is also the cause of works. "Faith without works is dead."

2. *He gave thanks because of their "labour of love."* The strength of love is tested by its labor. When a man loves his wife and family, he does not mind laboring for their support and livelihood. When a member loves

Christ and His Church, he does not mind working for and supporting them. Love will cause a man to get out of his warm bed before daylight and face the cold weather to go into the mines or workshops to provide bread and clothing for the ones he loves.

The love of God is not a fiction, but a fact. Love produces action. God is love; He loved and proved it by giving His own Son as a sin offering for the human race. When we look at Calvary, we not only see Jesus dying for our sins, but we also see the love of God manifested. God arranged Calvary to try to convey to the world in different terms than ever before used, that He loved the world.

3. *He gave thanks because of their "patience of hope."* This hope was in the Lord Jesus Christ. Their hope in Christ was severely tried by afflictions, persecutions, and numberless temptations, but it was not quenched. This was an idolatrous city, and probably they had been tempted to leave Christ and to throw off that new hope and joy by returning to idol worship, but the prayers of Paul and the work of faith and love of God upon and in their lives kept them true to God. In verse 9 Paul said, "... And how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God."

When hope is employed, it becomes the anchor for the soul. Hebrews 6:19, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." As the anchor holds the ship true and steadfast in its harbor, hope holds the believer true and steadfast in Christ. Hope goes in and connects us to Him who is behind the veil, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

This grace is compared to the soldier's helmet and the sailor's anchor, and is of great use in time of danger. Wherever there is a well-anchored hope of eternal life, it will be manifested by the exercise of patience. Hope caused them to serve the living God with patience (verse 9). Hope caused them to wait for the return of God's Son with patience; "and to wait for his Son from heaven" (verse 10). When a true minister sees these three graces operating in the lives of his converts to Christ, it creates within his heart a spirit of thanksgiving to God for them.

Ministerial

Thanksgiving

By W. W. Snuffer

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ERROR OF THE AGE—UNTHANKFULNESS

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Trinity, and the shechinah glory of His presence was witnessed in our churches. Our needs were met, our enemies were defeated, and miracles were performed as revival fires swept our altars. Persecutions mounted, but God always made a way of escape, and in thanksgiving we praised Him for each deliverance.

In this fast and furious age, the enemy has so filled our minds with trivial cares and fantastic and eye-appealing allurements, that we are usually too busy to stop and count our blessings, much less spend time praising God for each individual revelation of His love. Many of us are so calloused that we fail even to see anything about us for which to be thankful. We seem to feel that we must have some great "special" manifestation of His power before we humble our hearts to praise Him.

A quick glance at the written record will reveal the Master himself thanking the Father in John 11:41 for even hearing His prayer, and again in Luke 10:21 for revealing His truths to "babes." Paul thanked God for eager-hearted brethren who came to meet him on his missionary journey (Acts 28:15). In Philipians 1:3 he thanks God for just the remembrance of a holy church left behind, whose people are praying for his continued well-being. In 1 Corinthians 14:18 he expresses his gratitude for his ability to speak with tongues by the fullness of the Spirit and the gift of God. To many persons, these things are insignificant and commonplace. They are as unnoticed as the waters of a spring-fed brook; they glide by daily, continuously, and are seldom noticed or appreciated. However, the storm clouds of Satan's powers are gathering force in the skies about us. Like the horrible dust storms of our own West and Midwest, the enemy is filling the atmosphere with his blistering, blighting creeds, dogmas, and doctrines of impurities. We need to be more prepared to meet these challenges and more powerful to overcome and weather his storms.

OUR EARS ARE constantly assailed by the ever-increasing crescendo of praises from the lips of men directed toward other men for their accomplishments in their relative fields of labor. Surgeons are extolled for their operating abilities; scientists are given wide publicity for their discoveries, mechanics for their inventions, farmers for their vast crops and good farming practices, public speakers for their oratorical abilities, and ministers for their word knowledge with which they can melt the hearts of their congregations. All the while, standing silently by, the great Creator listens, with a broken heart. The God of heaven and earth, Giver of life and breath, Bestower of "every good and perfect gift" stands in the background unnoticed, unattended, unpraised, rejected and ignored.

If failure to praise, worship and adore Him brought swift retribution to the flesh and spiritual separation from God in the dark ages of the past, think of the penalty we invite by carelessly treading down the same paths of error in this day of enlightenment and advancement. Think well on these facts, for while we hesitate, Satan is hastening the tempo of his attacks, and imps and evil spirits assail from every angle. Mean-

while we may be arousing the wrath of an ever-present God by so carelessly and callously rejecting Him and refusing to praise Him for His revelations of light and life to us.

Quickly, let us arise and prepare a sacrifice of praise to the Lord. Let us rekindle the fires of sweet incense on the altars of our hearts. Let us praise Him and glorify His name lest we be caught in the trap of folly and commit the error of the age. Unthankfulness may well be the germ which will plague and poison the church in this age and bring destruction, woe and spiritual death to multitudes of unwary souls. While it is a good thing to call a nation to a day of praise and thanksgiving each year, to the real child of God the rising of the morning sun of each new day should open a new avenue for sacrificial work and warmhearted praise to our God, the "Giver of every good and perfect gift."

WORDS THAT BECAME WORLDS



GROWTH IN GRACE

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his love. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another," 1 John 4:11. Love is the greatest grace. Paul said, "Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." The simple remedy of love as it is described in 1 Corinthians 13 could cure all the world's ills. It would heal all the schisms among the saints. It would do away with all the self-exaltations, the selfish pride, and the religious name-calling. Love would assure that the gifts of the Spirit would be judiciously utilized for the good and edification of the church, and not as a racket to pad the pockets of religious opportunists. Paul issued a warning in 1 Corinthians 14:1. He said in essence, "Desire spiritual gifts but follow after charity." It is wise to grow in grace before one grows in power.

To know Christ, His power, His faithfulness, His mastery over demons, elements, and disease germs, His achievements, His victories, His promises, will cause the grace of faith within our hearts to grow. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Jesus is the Word, and when a person becomes intimately acquainted with Him, he will have the assured knowledge that Jesus has the ability to do anything for him that the Bible says Christ did for those in the past. One will have the grand realization that He is indeed the same yesterday, today and forever.

The nearer a person walks with Christ, the more fragile and futile will one's life seem as it is measured by His glorious and sinless life; this in turn will cause the grace of humility to grow within the heart. One cannot keep pride in the heart when he is closely associated with the Divine Potentate, the omnipotent King of Kings, who became a Babe in swaddling clothes in a manger. All feeling of self-aggrandizement will fade away as a person thinks of Him who was exalted above the angels, but willingly became worse than the world's lowest criminal. The criminal bears only the reproach and penalty of his own sins, but Jesus bore the sins of everybody. He who had all power gave His cheek to the smiter. He who had authority over legions of angels became subject to the base legions of Rome. How, then, can a person have the faintest

vestige of pride, when that person knows Jesus, the humble Saviour?

The grace of zeal will also grow in our hearts as we learn more of the Christ. If I were to tell you of a lovely mansion situated in a grand location, and then inform you that you could become the proud possessor to the title, giving you details how you might simply acquire it, would it not arouse your zeal? If I told you of glorious kingdoms and empires to come, and how you could become one of the reigning princes and have everything your heart could desire, would that not awaken a burning zeal within you? Well, Jesus told of heavenly mansions that He has designed and supervised for His own. He told of world conquests in which we may have a vital part. He told of programs for divine deliverance. He told of high adventures and priceless eternal rewards

—of crowns, stars, and diadems. He said that insignificant ones such as we are could have a part in all of this merely by confessing our allegiance to Him, and by giving Him our hearts. How can we help having a burning, unquenchable zeal when we learn to know Christ.

Let us grow in grace and knowledge, not allowing ourselves to be led astray with the great last-day perversion of religion when men will be puffed up as great self-made deliverers, and will try to amass to themselves wealth, fame and the applause of men. If we pin our faith, hope and religion on such men, their inevitable fall will be our fall. If we grow in grace and knowledge, however, when our Immanuel and Deliverer returns, He will find a band of stalwart followers at the post of duty, keeping the unity of the faith.



Men's Fellowship Organized in Panama



PARAISO, CANAL ZONE — We are happy to report a little of the activities of one of our churches in the Panama Canal Zone. Overseer A. J. Anvick is our leader and instructor with the blessed Holy Ghost. On June 30, 1956, we organized a new auxiliary for the glory of God. It is called the Christian Men's Crusade. Its aims are to win souls to Christ through per-

sonal evangelism, distribution of tracts, and to assist in the church's financial undertakings. The above picture was taken at our first missionary program. We are thankful and are giving all the glory and praise to our God for His continued guidance and leadership as we go from victory to victory.

—C. Dennis Robinson, Reporter

Testimonies

Growth Under Arm Disappears After Prayer

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. For quite some time there had been a growth under my left arm. Sometimes it would be so sore I could hardly stand for my clothes to touch it. I went to a doctor and he examined it, but said he would not make a diagnosis without making X rays. I just let it go and did nothing about it, but the growth seemed to get bigger. About a year and a half ago I begin having something like arthritis in my right knee. It pained so I could not sleep or rest. I tried everything I heard of but nothing seemed to do much good. I could hardly get up and down steps and it was impossible to kneel without causing severe pain. Last month while Brother L. H. Lockwood was conducting our revival he said for everyone that needed prayer to form a prayer line. When he laid his hands on my head and started to pray, I felt the power of God. Right after we got home from church I noticed such a soreness under my arm and all down along my ribs. By morning it was so sore it hurt to draw a long breath. Later that evening as I was getting ready for church, I happened to rub my hand under my arm and discovered that the growth was gone. After a day or two the soreness went away. I never did know what the growth was, but God knew and removed it when He healed the stiffness in my knee. I can now get up and down steps and kneel without any difficulty. I certainly thank God for healing me. Brother Lockwood also prayed for my little eight-year-old granddaughter. She had a speech defect caused by not being able to hear well. After she was prayed for she could hear better and her speech greatly improved. I know God touched her, and I believe before long her speech will be cleared up.

—Mrs. Mildred Heath

Lady Has Vision of Heaven and Hell

LANCASTER, S. C. — I want to send in my testimony of a wonderful healing. I had an operation on November 18, 1955, in York County Hospital in Rock Hill, South Carolina. For two days I was doing just fine, then I became worse. Dr. Hinson of Rock Hill did all he could for me. I was in such pain I asked the Lord to take me to heaven. No sooner than I had asked the Lord to take me out of my pain than I felt my soul leaving this world. Oh, how good it felt to be leaving this world. I knew I would never have any pain or troubles of sorrow any more. When the gate of

heaven was opened, Jesus asked me did I want to come in. Then I began to think of the unsaved ones in my home. I asked the Lord to let me come back to my home. When I opened my eyes, Dr. Sumner of Rock Hill was working with my back. He asked me if I had something to tell him. I told him I had asked the Lord to take me to heaven. He asked if I had something else to tell him. Then I told him I asked Jesus to let me come back to my unsaved home. My eyes were closed again. Friends, if you could have seen what I saw you would live the best life you know how down here. Jesus showed me a vision of hell, of heaven, and of this earth. If everyone could have seen hell as I did, you would tell what Jesus did for you. How does hell look? It is a big black pit with so many people down there. They are crying and begging for a drop of cool water. Jesus also showed me heaven. It is a beautiful place up there, so bright that heaven will not need any light. Jesus was as bright as the sun when I saw Him at the gate of heaven. How beautiful Jesus looked at me! He showed me how this earth is standing today. People are so mean down here that an atomic bomb war is to take place down here on this earth. I do not know if Jesus is coming before this war or after. When Jesus opened my eyes the last time I saw three angels going back to heaven. Jesus was standing in front of my hospital bed. I said, "Glory to Jesus."

My mother saw me when I was dying and what Jesus did for me. The nurse and my mother thought I was losing my mind. Glory to Jesus, they did not know the power Jesus has today if people will only believe and have faith in Jesus. Jesus wanted people in York County Hospital to know what I told them was the truth. He let the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, come on my lips as a song with "Nearer My God to Thee." It was to let people know that I was dead and Jesus gave my life back to me. May what I have told you be a blessing to everyone, and may you have more faith in Jesus.

—Mrs. Flossie McCants

The Days of Miracles Are Not Over

I was called to Flatwoods, Virginia, September 10, for a revival. The very first night the Holy Ghost took over. Every time we went to church the presence and power of God was there to bless. Eight were saved, 8 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 6 baptized in water.

The church was really blessed. I was there three weeks and thought the re-

vival was over. I went home on Monday, and on Tuesday I got a vision of the church at Flatwoods—that some of those nice summer grapes were about to get frostbitten. It was a long vision; I do not have room to tell it all. But I did see people repenting and little children wringing their hands and crying.

I sent word to them and they wanted me to come back. I went back on Saturday and that night several came to the altar; one was reclaimed and one was saved. The Holy Ghost blessed and we did not even have Sunday School.

All was well as far as we knew as we went to church on Thursday night, but when Brother Sparks, the pastor, got up to open the services, he had a heart attack. He said he was a sick man, but kept on singing. All at once he said, "Glister Mays, you will have to take over; you can pray for me." There was a visiting minister, Brother Wayne Briggs, with us. I said, "Come on, Brother Briggs, let's pray for Brother Sparks." He was holding on to the Bible stand to keep from falling, but as we quit praying, he fell face down across a bench. I remembered my vision of people crying, wringing their hands and screaming.

I went to the altar and knelt down, and it came to me that death was the last enemy to conquer. I went and laid my hands on him and rebuked death in Jesus' name. It looked like he was dying; his eyes were set, and the whites of his eyes were bloody. They carried him unconscious from the church, and he was unconscious until Saturday. He contended he was dying, but on Saturday night the dear Lord healed him completely. He went to church all day Sunday and Sunday night and then went to work Monday.

This is a true story from Flatwoods Church near Galax, Virginia. I want people to read just what God can do.

Evangelist Eliza Mays

Thanks for Prayers and Concern

CLEARWATER, Fla. — I wish to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all of my many friends throughout the Church of God for your deep concern about me in my recent illness. Your cards, letters and telephone calls assured me that your prayers were with me in the hospital and I attribute the fact that I am alive today to this one thing. In spite of a severe coronary heart attack that occurred on August 20, I am now at home and on the road to recovery. Again let me say, thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness, and thank God that He stayed the hand of death and permitted me to continue in His ministry just a little longer. May God bless you in my prayer.

—E. M. Ellis



Church Helped by Meeting

BOLIVAR, Mo. — We have just closed a revival at the Fair Play Church of God, Fair Play, Missouri, with Brother and Sister W. C. Thurman of Meadow, South Dakota, as the evangelists. Two renewed their vows to God. The Church was greatly helped by this revival.

—Reporter

Cleveland, Ohio, Has Great Revival

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Brother Melvin Van Meter recently conducted a wonderful revival at our church on Clark Avenue. Eleven were saved, 5 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Van Meter preached under the anointing power of God each night and was a real blessing to the church. I feel that any church would be blessed to have him for a revival. Pray that our church will stay on fire for God and that souls will continue to pray through to old-time salvation. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother U. P. Gray, and his wife. They have been a blessing to the entire church.

—Greta McPherson, Reporter

Sixteen Converted in Slater

SLATER, S. C. — We have just closed a revival with Brother Bill Moore and Brother Floyd Rushing from Greenville, South Carolina, as the evangelists. Sixteen were saved, 12 sanctified, 12 filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water and 8 united with the Church.

—J. W. Terry, Pastor

Forty-one Saved in "Bible Day" Revival

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — We have just closed a revival with Brother L. H. Lockwood from Idaho as the evangelist. Forty-one were saved, 25 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty-four were baptized in water and 18 united with the Church. Truly this was a "Bible Day" revival. The sick were healed, devils were cast out, and those oppressed and vexed by Satan were freed by the power of God.

—John Findley, Pastor

Church Growth Noted Because of Good Revival

MACON, Ga. — The Church of God on Napier Avenue closed a real soul-stirring revival on September 15. There were several saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, for which we praise God. The church grew in unity and many renewed their consecration under the inspiring messages of Sister Irene Hillhouse, evangelist from Lakeland, Florida, who will always find a warm welcome at our door. We shall never forget how the Lord blessed us by sending her our way.

—Luther Alderman, Clerk

Thirty Converted in North Carolina Church

NEWTON GROVE, N. C. — We have just closed a wonderful revival in Newton Grove. Thirty were saved, 19 sanctified, and 9 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Walter Stafford of Clinton was the evangelist. Brother Stafford will be a great blessing to any church.

—Coolidge Massey, Clerk

Power of God Manifested in Oklahoma Meeting

MANGUM, Okla. — We recently closed a revival with Brother C. R. Kerbo of Binger, Oklahoma. Three were saved, 3 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost and 6 healed. Many were slain under the power of God. Many were convicted while the Spirit of God was working in the services. Some would have us think the days of revivals and miracles are over, but God is the same as He has always been.

—Lester Higgins, Pastor

Backsliders Reclaimed and Young People Converted

BOONSBORO, Md. — Recently we closed a three-week revival with the evangelist Brother Elwood Kern and his wife, of Leesburg, Virginia. During the revival he delivered messages under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. The hearts of the people were stirred by these messages. Three backsliders were reclaimed and 3 per-

sons were filled with the Holy Ghost. There were a number of young people who confessed salvation. The church was greatly blessed by Brother Kern. He will bless your church anytime you need a good evangelist.

—E. B. Wyand, Pastor

Good Revival at Naugatuck

NAUGATUCK, W. Va. — The Oppy Church of God has just closed a wonderful revival with Brother Elias Stepp doing the preaching. Seven were saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 baptized in water. Brother Stepp was a real blessing to us. We feel that he is a real man of God.

—Ola Stepp, Pastor

Lady Evangelist Blesses Church

CUMMING, Ga. — We have just closed a wonderful, two-week revival with Sister Lucy Lunsford of the Riverside Church of God in Atlanta as the evangelist. Thirteen were saved, 8 sanctified, 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many were healed. The church was blessed by the ministry of Sister Lunsford.

—J. R. Hansard, Member

Church Growing Through Revivals

GREAT FALLS, Montana — We recently had a revival with Sister Jennie Evans from Perryton, Texas, as the evangelist. The Lord blessed and the attendance was good. Several were healed, nine were saved, 2 reclaimed, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. During this series of meetings, the church conducted two all-day services, with Brother Arnold E. Erickson, Overseer of Montana, and other ministers and representatives from some of the other churches in Montana being present. The church at Great Falls is now in another revival with Brother James McManus from Kansas City, Missouri. He is doing a splendid work and has the anointing of the Holy Ghost on his ministry. The church is growing slowly but surely, and we covet your prayers for the Church here in the Northwest. The income of the church has almost tripled since Brother and Sister Northrup became our pastor, and several new additions have been added materially to the church. The attendance has also greatly increased.

—Paul McManus, Reporter



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